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# Triple Systems and Applications to Gauge Theories

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## 1 Introduction

It has been expected that there exists M-theory, which unifies string theories. In M-theory, some structures of 3-algebras were found recently. First, it was found that field theories applied with  $u(N) \oplus u(N)$  hermitian 3-algebras are the Chern-Simons gauge theories that describe effective actions of  $N$  coincident supermembranes [1–5], which are fundamental objects in M-theory. In a certain limit, a novel Higgs mechanism works, where the Chern-Simons gauge theories become the Yang-Mills theories that describe effective actions of D-branes in string theory. Second, 3-algebra models of M-theory themselves have been proposed and were studied in [6–13].

The hermitian 3-algebras [14–51] are special cases, where  $\langle abc \rangle = -\langle cba \rangle$ , of hermitian generalized Jordan triple systems  $\langle abc \rangle$  [52–74]. Therefore, it is natural to extend the  $u(N) \oplus u(N)$  hermitian 3-algebras to more general hermitian generalized Jordan triple systems. Moreover, it is interesting to find a hermitian generalized Jordan triple system with which a Chern-Simons field theory reduces to a Yang-Mills theory in a certain limit.

In the following section, we review some results concerning with [75, 76].

## 2 Definitions

Let us start with a definition of a hermitian generalized Jordan triple systems.

**Definition.** A triple system  $U$  is said to be a hermitian generalized Jordan triple systems if relations (0)–(iv) satisfy;

- 0)  $U$  is a Banach space,
- i)  $[L(a, b), L(c, d)] = L(\langle abc \rangle, d) - L(c, \langle bad \rangle)$ ,
- ii)  $\langle xyz \rangle$  is  $\mathbf{C}$ -linear operator on  $x, z$  and  $\mathbf{C}$ -anti-linear operator on  $y$ ,
- iii)  $\langle abc \rangle$  continuous with respect to a norm  $\| \cdot \|$  that is, there exists  $K > 0$  s.t.

$$\| \langle xxx \rangle \| \leq K \|x\|^3 \text{ for all } x \in U.$$

- iv)<sup>1</sup> There is a metric  $(x, y)$  that satisfies  $(L(x, y)z, w) + (z, L(x, y)w) = 0$  and  $(x, y) = \overline{(y, x)}$ .

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<sup>1</sup>This definition is slightly different with that in [75, 76].

### 3 Generalization of the hermitian 3-algebra

In this section, we extend the  $u(N) \oplus u(M)$  3-algebras to a hermitian generalized Jordan triple system.

Let  $D_{N,M}^*$  be the set of all  $N \times M$  matrices with operation

$$\langle xyz \rangle = x\bar{y}^T z - z\bar{y}^T x + zx^T \bar{y} - \bar{y}x^T z.$$

Then  $D_{N,M}^*$  is a hermitian generalized Jordan triple system. In fact, it satisfies the conditions in the previous section with the metric  $(x, y) := \text{tr}(x\bar{y}^T)$ . This is an extension of the  $u(N) \oplus u(M)$  hermitian 3-algebras  $\langle xyz \rangle = x\bar{y}^T z - z\bar{y}^T x$ .

### 4 Application to field theory

In this section, we apply the hermitian generalized Jordan triple system in the previous section to a field theory.

We start with

$$\begin{aligned} S = \int d^3x \text{tr} & (-\mathbf{D}_\mu Z^A \overline{\mathbf{D}^\mu Z_A})^T \\ & + L\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} (-A_{\mu\bar{b}c} \partial_\nu A_{\lambda\bar{d}a} \bar{T}^{T\bar{d}} [T^c, \bar{T}^{\bar{b}}, T^a] \\ & + \frac{2}{3} A_{\mu\bar{d}a} A_{\nu\bar{b}c} A_{\lambda\bar{f}e} [T^c, \bar{T}^{\bar{b}}, T^a] [\overline{T^f}, \bar{T}^{\bar{e}}, T^d]), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu Z^A = \partial_\mu Z^A - A_{\mu\bar{b}a} [T^a, \bar{T}^{\bar{b}}, Z^A].$$

$Z^A$  and  $A_\mu$  are matter and gauge fields, respectively.  $A$  runs from 1 to  $p$ , whereas  $\mu$  runs from 0 to 2. This action is invariant under the transformations generated by the operator  $L(x, y) - L(y, x)$ . Here, we apply  $[x, \bar{y}, z] := \langle xyz \rangle = (x\bar{y}^T - \bar{y}x^T)z - z(\bar{y}^T x - x^T \bar{y})$  to this action.

The covariant derivative is explicitly written down as

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu Z^A = \partial_\mu Z^A - iA_\mu^L Z^A + iZ^A A_\mu^R,$$

where  $A_\mu^R := -iA_{\mu\bar{b}a} (\bar{T}^{T\bar{b}} T^a - T^{Ta} \bar{T}^{\bar{b}})$  and  $A_\mu^L := -iA_{\mu\bar{b}a} (T^a \bar{T}^{T\bar{b}} - \bar{T}^{\bar{b}} T^{Ta})$  are real anti-symmetric matrices, which generate the  $o(N)$  and  $o(M)$  Lie algebras, respectively. The action can be rewritten in a covariant form with respect to  $o(N)$  and  $o(M)$  and we obtain a Chern-Simons gauge theory,

$$\begin{aligned} S = \int d^3x \text{tr} & (-(\partial_\mu Z^A - iA_\mu^L Z^A + iZ^A A_\mu^R) \overline{(\partial_\mu Z_A - iA_\mu^L Z_A + iZ_A A_\mu^R)})^T \\ & + L\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda} (\frac{1}{2} (A_\mu^L \partial_\nu A_\lambda^L - A_\mu^R \partial_\nu A_\lambda^R) + \frac{i}{3} (A_\mu^L A_\nu^L A_\lambda^L - A_\mu^R A_\nu^R A_\lambda^R)). \end{aligned}$$

In this action,  $A_\mu^L$  and  $A_\mu^R$  transform as adjoint representations of  $o(N)$  and  $o(M)$ , respectively, whereas  $Z^A$  transforms as a bi-fundamental representation of  $o(N) \oplus o(M)$ ;

$$\begin{aligned} \delta A_\mu^R &= [i\Lambda^R, A_\mu^R] \\ \delta A_\mu^L &= [i\Lambda^L, A_\mu^L] \\ \delta Z^A &= i\Lambda^L Z^A - Z^A (i\Lambda^R), \end{aligned}$$

where gauge parameters  $\Lambda^R$  and  $\Lambda^L$  are defined in the same way as  $A_\mu^R$  and  $A_\mu^L$ , respectively.

Next, let us examine whether the Novel Higgs mechanism works in this theory when  $M=N$ . By redefining the gauge fields as

$$\begin{aligned} A_\mu^L &= A_\mu + B_\mu \\ A_\mu^R &= A_\mu - B_\mu, \end{aligned}$$

we can separate a non-dynamical mode  $B_\mu$  as

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int d^3x \text{tr}(-(D_\mu Z^A - i\{B_\mu, Z^A\})(\overline{D_\mu Z^A - i\{B_\mu, Z^A\}})^T \\ &\quad + L\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}(B_\mu F_{\nu\lambda} + \frac{2i}{3}B_\mu B_\nu B_\lambda)), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu Z^A &= \partial_\mu Z^A - i[A_\mu, Z^A], \\ F_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + i[A_\mu, A_\nu]. \end{aligned}$$

We divide  $Z^A$  into two real matrices as

$$Z^A = iX^A + X^{p+A},$$

and consider fluctuations around a background solution as  $X^p = vI + \tilde{X}^p$ . If we rescale  $L$  and  $B_\mu$  as

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \mathcal{O}(v) \\ B_\mu &= \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{v}), \end{aligned}$$

and use the equation of motion of  $B_\mu$ ,

$$B^\mu = \frac{L}{8v^2}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda}F_{\nu\lambda} - \frac{1}{2v}D^\mu X^{2p} + \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{v^2}),$$

the action reduces to

$$S \rightarrow \int d^3x \text{tr}(-g^2 F_{\mu\nu}^2 - (D_\mu X^i)^2)$$

in  $v \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $g = \frac{L}{v}$  and  $i$  runs from 1 to  $2p-1$ . Therefore, we conclude that the Novel Higgs mechanism works in the Chern-Simons gauge theory with the hermitian generalized Jordan triple system in the previous section with  $M=N$ , and we obtain a Yang-Mills theory in this limit.

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